

The Task Force on The Gish Film Theater: The relocation of the Lillian and Dorothy Gish Film Theater to the Bowen-Thompson Student Union has prompted a conversation around how we foster a more diverse and inclusive learning community, how we are to express the values we hold as a University, and how we, as a public university help create a just society.

To focus the conversation and find appropriate action, this presidential task force will provide guidance to the President and the Board of Trustees in the following areas:

1. The naming of the Lillian and Dorothy Gish Film Theater given the historical context of Lillian Gish's participation in the D. W. Griffith film "Birth of a Nation" (1915) and the Gish Theater's role in the development of a film culture at BGSU;
2. The means by which alumni of Film Studies and Production might be recognized, relative to the theater; and,
3. The means by which the theater might enhance diversity and inclusion at BGSU to thoughtfully engage our students through programming and co-curricular experiences.

In addition, the task force may provide guidance on a process by which future names of buildings and spaces might be vetted before submission to the Board of Trustees.

The Task Force on The Gish Film Theater will be chaired by Dr. Raymond Craig, Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, and will be comprised of:

- Sacarra Bridgeforth, Undergraduate Student, Film
- Ana Brown, Interim Director, Office of Multicultural Affairs, Coordinator for Diversity and Retention Initiatives, Office of Residence Life, and Advisor to Latino Student Union
- Charis Hoard, Undergraduate Student, Black Student Union
- Dr. Lesa Lockford, Professor and Chair, Theatre and Film
- Laura Moore, Director of Stewardship (Ex-Officio)
- Daniel Ricken, Graduate Student, Theater
- Isaiah Smith, Undergraduate Student, Black Student Union
- Sadi Angel Trouche, Undergraduate Student, Latino Student Union
- Cali Vaughn, Undergraduate Student
- Daniel Williams, Associate Professor, Theatre and Film
- Michelle Sweetser, Head, Archival Collections

The group will convene by March 8, 2019 and provide a written recommendation to me by April 17, 2019. You may solicit written statements from our university community by March 15, 2019. Submissions can be directed to Dr. Raymond Craig, c/o Joan Simon in the College of Arts and Sciences.